

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Status of Claims:

Claims 7-13 are currently being cancelled.

Claims 1, 17 and 18 are currently being amended.

No claims are being added.

This amendment and reply amends claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-6 and 14-18 are now pending in this application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant appreciates the indication in the Office Action that claims 1-6, 14-16 and 18 are allowed, and that claim 17 would be allowed if amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejection of that claim. By way of this amendment and reply, claim 17 has been amended to correct the indefiniteness problem in that claim, and independent claims 1 and 18 have also been amended to correct a minor antecedent basis issue in those claims (similar to the one noted in the Office Action with respect to claim 17).

Objection to the Title:

In the Office Action, the title was objected to because it was not clearly indicative of the claimed invention. By way of this amendment and reply, a more descriptive title is being submitted.

Claim Rejections – Enablement:

In the Office Action, claims 7-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement, for the reasons set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 7-13 have been canceled, thereby making this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections – Indefiniteness:

In the Office Action, claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, due to the lack of antecedent basis for “the operation key” recited in lines 5 and 9 of that claim. Claim 17 has been amended to provide clear antecedent basis for “the operation key”. Therefore, presently pending claim 17 now fully complies with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Conclusion:

Since all of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed in this Amendment and Reply, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and an early indication of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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